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THE COLOR SONIC

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WE HAVE REPORTS OF FIVE SONIC-LIKE HEDGEHOGS RUNNING AMOK. ARE THEY CONNECTED TO THE OTHER-WORLDLY HERO? AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY-- WHO CAN STOP THEM?
OH, MY GOOD-NESS!
CHAO-CHAO!
YOU DON'T KNOW ANY OF THOSE HEDGEHOGS ...DO YOU, MR. SONIC?
NO WAY, CREAM. BESIDES LOOKING IN A MIRROR, I'VE NEVER SEEN THEM BEFORE.
BUT THEY LOOK JUST LIKE YOU! THEY AREN'T DISTANT RELATIVES?
I DON'T KNOW WHO THEY ARE...
...BUT I INTEND TO FIND OUT!
WAIT! SHOULDN'T WE CALL THE OTHERS?
YOU CAN IF YOU WANT...
...BUT THIS IS KIND OF PERSONAL. THESE FAKE SONICS ARE UNACCEPTABLE.

DOCTOR NARASU! THESE FAKE SONICS ARE UNACCEPT-ABLE!

YOUR CLONES MAY BE DOING THE NECESSARY DAMAGE, BUT NOBODY THINKS THEY'RE SONIC!

WE'RE TRYING TO TURN THE PUBLIC AGAINST SONIC, NOT JUST BRIGHTLY-COLORED HEDGEHOGS!

CHECK YOUR TEMPER, COMMANDER PASSER. THIS ISN'T MY FAULT.

PART OF THE PROBLEM IS THEY'RE NOT EVEN REAL CLONES. THEY'RE NON-LIVING CARBON-CONSTRUCTS.
THINK OF THEM AS ONE OF OUR MINDLESS ROBOTS, ONLY THEIR PARTS ARE MADE OF ORGANIC MOLECULES INSTEAD OF METAL.
ERM...
DO YOU KNOW HOW HARD IT IS TO ASSEMBLE SOMETHING LIKE THAT? TO DO IT WITH ALMOST NO TIME AND NO BUDGET?! AND YET I STILL MADE NEAR-PERFECT COPIES!
BUT YOU COULDN'T MAKE THEM BLUE?!?
I'M WORKING ON IT!
HEY!

WHAT IS IT, HECTOR?

IF YOU TWO ARE DONE DANCING, THE ORGANIZER HAS AN UPDATE FOR US.

SORRY FOR THE DELAY, SIR! WHAT'S THE SITUATION?

THE PLAN HAS MANAGED TO DRAW SONIC OUT INTO THE OPEN. I WILL PATCH A LOCAL NEWS FEED THROUGH.

STATION SQUARE

THIS IS BREAKING NEWS FROM SCARLET GARCIA! IN ORDER TO CLEAR HIS NAME, WORLD-RENOWNED HERO SONIC THE HEDGE-HOG HAS PUBLICLY CHALLENGED THE MULTI-COLORED HEDGEHOGS!

WELL-- WELL-- WELL...

SHOULD I STOP THE NEXT DUPLICATE ...?

NO. GO AHEAD AND FINISH IT. BUT IF OUR LUCK HOLDS OUT...

"...THE COPIES WILL FINISH HIM!"

OH, COME ON, ALREADY. IF THEY'RE REALLY A BUNCH OF COPIES OF ME...

...WHY ARE THEY TAKING SO LONG TO GET HERE?!

HEY! NOW THAT'S MORE LIKE IT!

CRASH

WITH ALL FIVE OF YOU GUYS, THIS JUST MIGHT BE A CHALLENGE!

TOW AWAY ZONE

WHOOSH

OH, COME ON, GUYS! WHERE'S THE SKILL?
THUD!
WHERE'S THE FINESSE?
WHERE'S THE CONTROL?
WHERE'S THE PLAYFUL BANTER?
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HOLD ON! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT OF THERE IN A SECOND!

ACK!

TIME-OUT! I'VE GOT PEOPLE TO SAVE!

HEY! I PROMISE TO GIVE YOU GUYS A FIGHT!

JUST LET EVERYONE ELSE GET OUT OF THE WAY!

THESE COPIES DON'T CARE ABOUT WHO GETS HURT IN OUR FIGHT. I MAY BE FASTER, BUT I'M NOT FAST ENOUGH TO FIGHT THEM *AND* PROTECT EVERYONE!

DON'T WORRY, SONIC!
THE CAVALRY HAS ARRIVED!
GET AWAY FROM THERE!
HOW DARE YOU IMPERSONATE MY BLUE BEAU?
IS IT THE HOLIDAY SEASON ALREADY?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU, SONIC? THESE COPIES AREN'T THAT TOUGH.

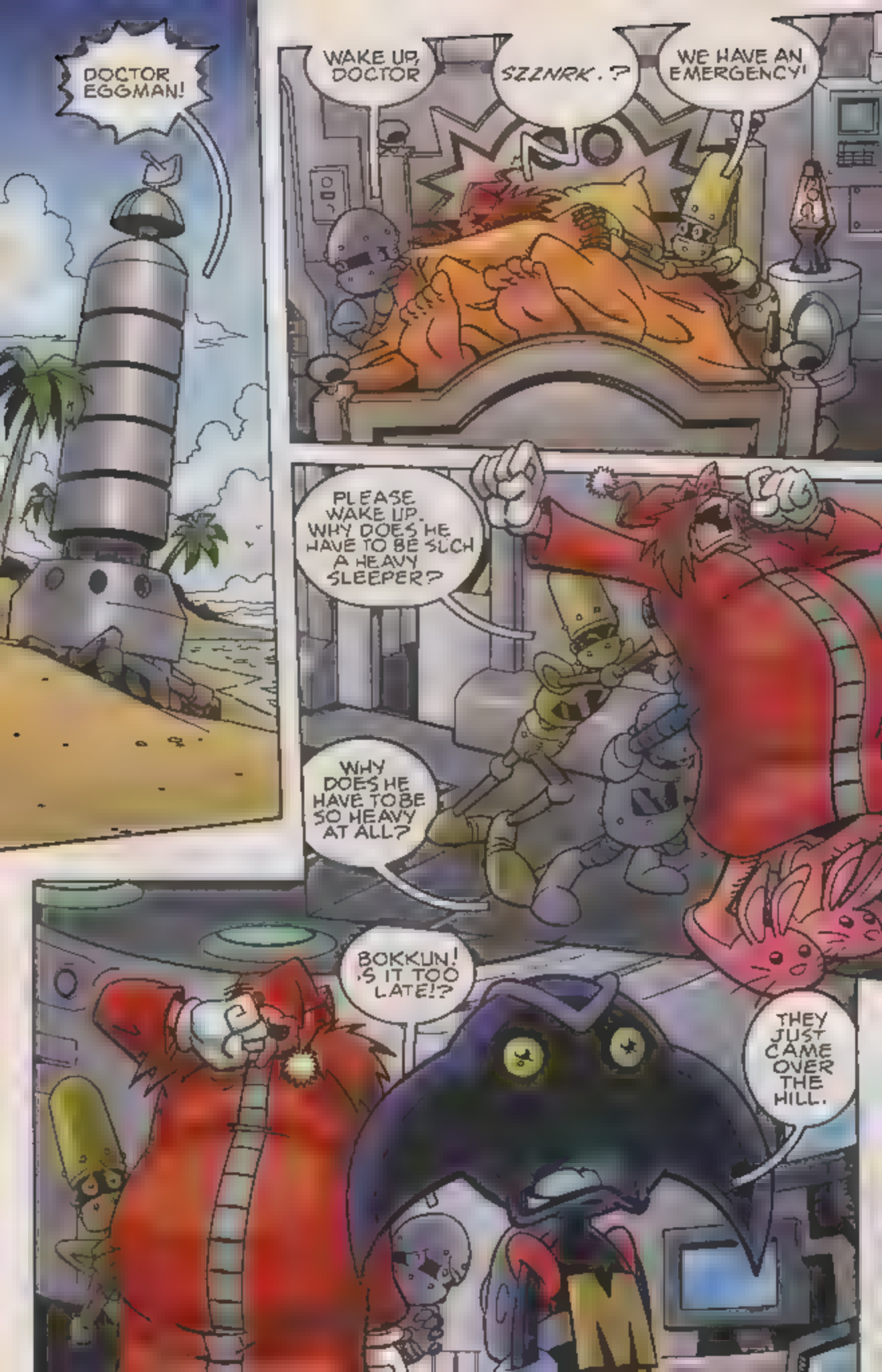
NO, BUT THEY CAN STILL HURT EVERYONE ELSE.

I DON'T WANT ANYONE GETTING HURT BECAUSE OF MY FIGHT.

I GET'CHA WHERE COULD WE LURE THEM THAT WOULD BE SAFE?

OR SOME PLACE *NOT* SAFE AT ALL! THAT'S IT, KNUCKLES!

THANKS FOR THE BREATHER, GUYS! *OKAY*, YOU FAKERS! FOLLOW ME!


DOCTOR EGGMAN!
WAKE UP, DOCTOR
SZZNRK..?
WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY!
PLEASE WAKE UP. WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BE SUCH A HEAVY SLEEPER?
WHY DOES HE HAVE TO BE SO HEAVY AT ALL?
BOKKUN! 'S IT TOO LATE!?
THEY JUST CAME OVER THE HILL.

IT'S AN ARMY OF SONICS!

THIS MUST BE A NIGHT-MARE!

SO SONIC THINKS HE CAN BEAT ME WITH AN ARMY OF CLONES IN MY NIGHTMARE? *HA!* IN HIS DREAMS!

I KNEW I COULD COUNT ON YOU, DOC!

KA-BOOM!
KA-BOOM!
KA-BOOM!
WHEW! SO MUCH FOR THE COPIES!
STILL... I WONDER WHERE THEY CAME FROM!

S.O.N.I.C.X.

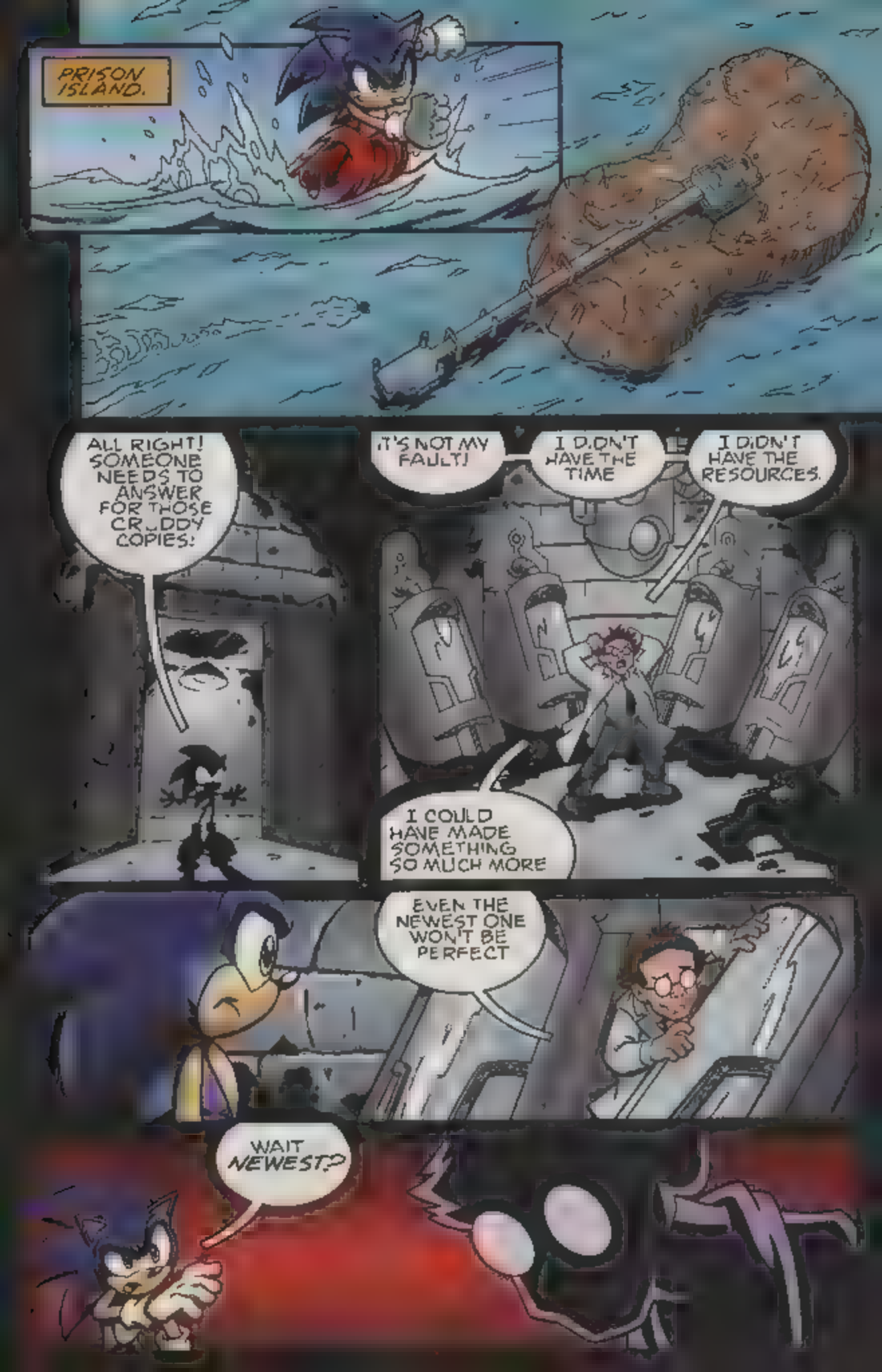
WAIT...THAT SHADOWY GROUP OF GUYS? THEY *KEPT* THAT TEAM NAME?

EDITOR'S NOTE: S.O.N.I.C. X. IS AN ANTI-SONIC GROUP FIRST SEEN IN SX #23!

LOOKS LIKE I'M HEADING BACK TO PRISON ISLAND.

THE LAST ONE'S RETREATING..

A HAPPY ENDING FOR MY TERRIBLE DREAM. I NEED TO CUT OUT THESE MID-DAY NAPS ..


PRISON ISLAND.
ALL RIGHT! SOMEONE NEEDS TO ANSWER FOR THOSE CR..DDY COPIES!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT!
I D.DN'T HAVE THE TIME
I DIDN'T HAVE THE RESOURCES.
I COULD HAVE MADE SOMETHING SO MUCH MORE
EVEN THE NEWEST ONE WON'T BE PERFECT
WAIT NEWEST?

AT LEAST I GOT THE COLOR RIGHT!

WHAM!
OKAY, THIS HAS GONE FROM "WEIRD" TO "CREEPY."
HA HA!
THAT'S IT!
YOU'RE DOING GREAT!
SMASH
NO, YOU STUPID COPY. YOU'RE HELPING HIM RUIN ALL MY HARD WORK!

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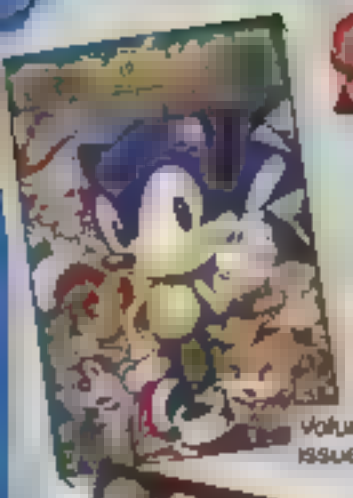

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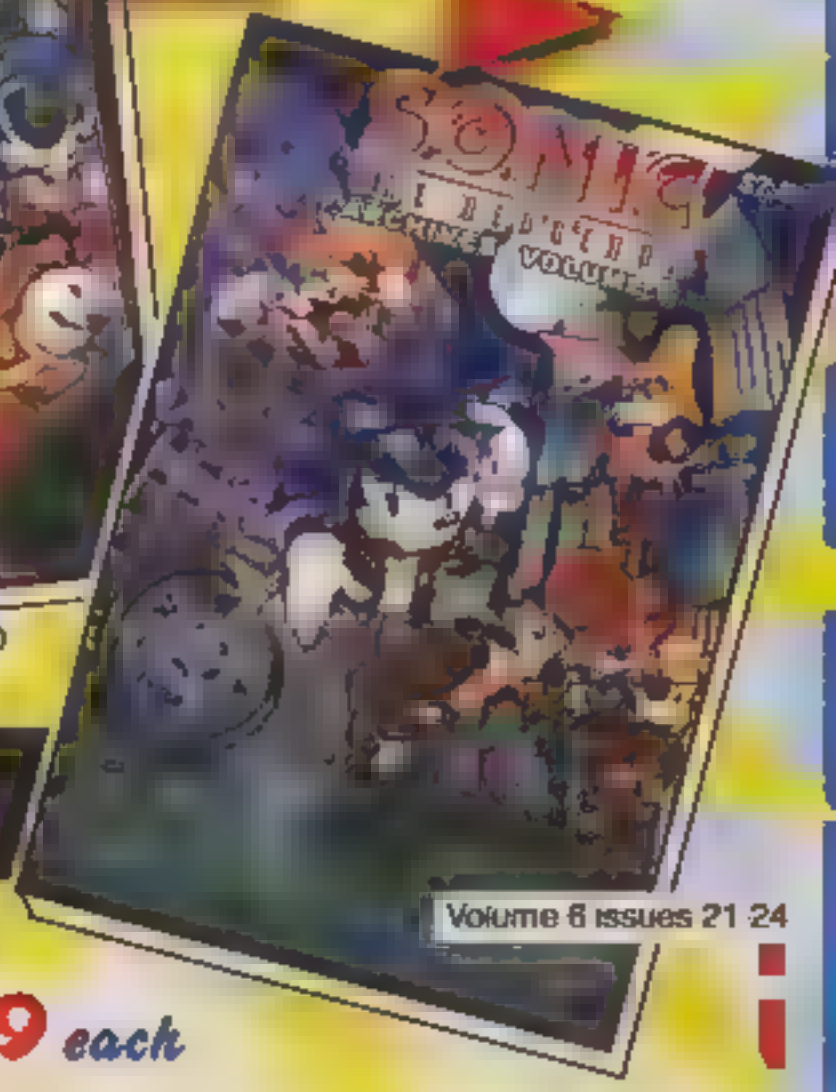

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KAI!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ?!

IT'S SONIC, COMMANDER PASSER! HE'S WRECKING EVERYTHING!

THERE HE IS!

FIRE!

WE GOT HIM! THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD'VE MISSED!
LOOK! THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF HIM BUT A SHOE!
EXCELLENT, HECTOR. I WANT A TROPHY OF OUR VICTORY. ...WAIT...
S.O.N.I.C.X
THANKS FOR TAKING CARE OF HIM FOR ME, GUYS. THAT ONE WAS ACTUALLY TOUGH.
WHOO-HOO-HA-HA-HA!

AND FINALLY TONIGHT: A FOLLOW-UP TO TODAY'S STRANGE EVENTS. A SHOW OF SELFLESS HEROISM PROVED SONIC TO BE THE REAL HEDGEHOG AND EXPOSED THE MULTI-COLORED FAKES FOR WHAT THEY WERE.

I HAD A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH SONIC AFTER HIS VICTORY.

AW, IT WASN'T ANYTHING. I DO WANT TO THANK MY FRIENDS FOR COMING TO HELP ME OUT IN A PINCH, THOUGH.

THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA SIGNING OFF.

AWW! HOW SWEET!

HAVEN'T YOU HAD ENOUGH SWEETS?

NO, WHY?

SIR... ARE YOU CERTAIN ABOUT THIS?

OF COURSE, BOCOE! I'M RESTED, REFRESHED...

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